

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 9 and 20 are amended as follows:

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9. (Amended) The coated substrate of claim 8, wherein said barrier layer comprises an element selected from the group consisting of nickel, tin, iron, cobalt, copper, manganese, and combinations and alloys thereof.

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20. (Amended) The coated substrate claim 19, wherein said barrier layer comprises an element selected from the group consisting of nickel, tin, iron, cobalt, copper, manganese, and combinations and alloys thereof.

REMARKS

Claims 1-41 remain in the application for consideration.
Claims 1-41 are the subject of a Restriction Requirement.
Claims 9 and 20 are herein amended.

Response to Restriction Requirement

In the Restriction Requirement mailed July 16, 2002, the Examiner indicated that Applicants should choose a set of claims for further prosecution from among the following groups: